

Department of Veterans Affairs			TO	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ATTN: LOAN GUARANTY DIVISION			
REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND AVAILABLE LOAN GUARANTY ENTITLEMENT							
NOTE: Please read information on reverse before completing this form. If additional space is required, attach separate sheet.							
1. FIRST-MIDDLE-LAST NAME OF VETERAN				2A. ADDRESS OF VETERAN (No., street or rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP Code)			
2B. VETERAN'S DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code)			3. DATE OF BIRTH				
4. MILITARY SERVICE DATA (ATTACH PROOF OF SERVICE - SEE PARAGRAPH E ON REVERSE)							
ITEM	PERIODS OF ACTIVE SERVICE		NAME (Show your name exactly as it appears on your separation papers or Statement of Service)	SERVICE NUMBER	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	BRANCH OF SERVICE	
	DATE FROM	DATE TO					
A							
B							
C							
D							
5A. WERE YOU DISCHARGED, RETIRED OR SEPARATED FROM SERVICE BECAUSE OF DISABILITY OR DO YOU NOW HAVE ANY SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES?			5B. VA CLAIM FILE NUMBER		6. IS A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR LOAN GUARANTY PURPOSES ENCLOSED?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "Yes," complete Item 5B)			C-		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "No," complete Items 7A and 7B)		
7A. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR VA LOAN PURPOSES?			7B. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED SUCH A CERTIFICATE?		7C. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY WHICH IS NOT ENCLOSED AND THIS IS A REQUEST FOR A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "Yes," give location of VA office(s))			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "Yes," give location of VA office(s) and complete Item 7C)		THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO ME HAS BEEN LOST OR STOLEN. IF RECOVERED, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO VA <input type="checkbox"/>		
8. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED PROPERTY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A GI LOAN?				9. ADDRESS OF REGIONAL OFFICE(S) WHERE LOAN WAS OBTAINED (City and State)			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "Yes," complete Items 9 thru 18. Please attach a separate sheet if more than one loan is involved. If "No," skip to Items 19 thru 22)							
10. STATE TYPE(S) AND NUMBER OF LOAN(S) (Home, Manufactured Home, Condominium, Direct, Farm, Business, etc.)			11. ADDRESS(ES) OF PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED WITH GUARANTY ENTITLEMENT		12. DATE YOU PURCHASED THE PROPERTY(IES)		
13. DO YOU NOW OWN ANY PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN ITEM 11?			14. DATE(S) THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD (Submit a copy of HUD-1, Settlement Statement, if available)		15. IS THERE ANY UNDERSTANDING OR AGREEMENT WRITTEN OR ORAL, BETWEEN YOU AND THE PURCHASERS THAT THEY WILL RECONVEY THE PROPERTY TO YOU?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "Yes," complete Items 14 and 15 only for any property noted in Item 11 NOT currently owned)					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
NOTE: It will speed processing if you can complete Items 16, 17, and 18.							
16. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LENDER(S) TO WHOM LOAN PAYMENTS WERE MADE					17. LENDER'S LOAN OR ACCOUNT NUMBER		
					18. VA LOAN NUMBER(S)		
I CERTIFY THAT the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.							
19. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN					20. DATE SIGNED		
FEDERAL STATUTES PROVIDE SEVERE PENALTIES FOR FRAUD, INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION, CRIMINAL CONNIVANCE OR CONSPIRACY PURPOSED TO INFLUENCE THE ISSUANCE OF ANY GUARANTY OR INSURANCE BY THE SECRETARY.							
21. THIS SECTION FOR VA USE ONLY							
21A. DATE CERTIFICATE ISSUED AND DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS AND VA PAMPHLETS GIVEN TO VETERAN OR MAILED TO ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW		21B. TYPE OF DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS RETURNED		21C. INITIALS OF VA AGENT		21D. NAME AND ADDRESS TO WHOM CERTIFICATE MAILED	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VA FORM 26-1880

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING FORM.

USE TYPEWRITER OR PRINT CLEARLY. COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE ITEMS.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Clearance Officer (045A4), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420. SEND COMMENTS ONLY. DO NOT SEND THIS FORM OR REQUESTS FOR BENEFITS TO THIS ADDRESS.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: No Certificate of Eligibility may be issued unless VA receives sufficient information to determine that you are eligible (38 U.S.C. 3702). You are not required to furnish the information, including the Social Security Number, but are urged to do so, since it is vital to proper action by VA in your case. Specifically, your Social Security Number is requested under authority of 38 U.S.C. 3702 and is requested only if the service department used your Social Security Number as a service number. Failure to provide a completed application will deprive VA of information needed in reaching decisions which could affect you. Responses may be disclosed outside VA only if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 55VA26, Loan Guaranty Home, Condominium and Manufactured Home Loan Applicant Records, Specially Adapted Housing Applicant Records, and Vendee Loan Applicant Records - VA, published in the Federal Register.

A. Use this form to request VA to determine your eligibility for Loan Guaranty benefits, and the amount of entitlement available.

B. Military Service Requirements for VA Loan Eligibility

1. **Wartime Service.** If you served anytime during World War II (September 16, 1940 to July 25, 1947), Korean Conflict (June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955), or Vietnam Era (August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975) you must have served at least 90 days on active duty and have been discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions. If you served less than 90 days, you may be eligible if discharged because of service-connected disability.

2. **Peacetime Service.** If your service fell entirely within one of the following periods: July 26, 1947 to June 26, 1950, or February 1, 1955 to August 4, 1964, you must have served at least 181 days of continuous active duty and have been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. If you entered service after May 7, 1975 but prior to September 8, 1980 (enlisted) or October 17, 1981 (officer) and completed your service before August 2, 1990, 181 days service is also required. If you served less than 181 days, you may be eligible if discharged for a service connected disability.

3. **Service after September 7, 1980 (enlisted) or October 16, 1981 (officer) and prior to August 2, 1990.** If you were separated from service which began after these dates, you must have: (a) Completed 24 months of continuous active duty or the full period (at least 181 days) for which you were called or ordered to active duty, and been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; or (b) Completed at least 181 days of active duty and been discharged under the specific authority of 10 U.S.C. 1173 (hardship discharge), or 10 U.S.C. 1171 (early out discharge), or have been determined to have a compensable service-connected disability; or (c) Been discharged with less than 181 days of service for a service-connected disability. Individuals may also be eligible if they were released from active duty due to an involuntary reduction in force, certain medical conditions, or, in some instances, for the convenience of the Government.

4. **Persian Gulf War.** If you served on active duty during the Persian Gulf War (August 2, 1990 to a date yet to be determined), you must have: (a) Completed 24 months of continuous active duty or the full period (at least 90 days) for which you were called or ordered to active duty, and been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable; or (b) Completed at least 90 days of active duty and been discharged under the specific authority of 10 U.S.C. 1173 (hardship discharge), or 10 U.S.C. 1171 (early out discharge), or have been determined to have a compensable service-connected disability; or (c) Been discharged with less than 90 days of service for a service-connected disability. Individuals may also be eligible if they were released from active duty due to an involuntary reduction in force, certain medical conditions, or, in some instances, for the convenience of the Government.

5. **Active Duty Service Personnel.** If you are now on active duty, you are eligible after having served on continuous active duty for at least 181 days (90 days during the Persian Gulf War) unless discharged or separated from a previous qualifying period of active duty service.

6. **Selected Reserve Requirements for VA Loan Eligibility.** If you are not otherwise eligible and you have completed a total of 6 years in the Selected Reserves or National Guard (member of an active unit, attended required weekend drills and 2-week active duty training) and (a) Were discharged with an honorable discharge; or (b) Were placed on the retired list or (c) Were transferred to the Standby Reserve or an element of the Ready Reserve other than the Selected Reserve after service characterized as honorable service; or (d) Continue to serve in the Selected Reserve. Individuals who completed less than 6 years may be eligible if discharged for a service connected disability. Eligibility for Selected Reservists expires October 28, 1999.

C. Unremarried surviving spouses of eligible veterans seeking determination of basic eligibility for VA Loan Guaranty benefits are NOT required to complete this form, but are required to complete VA Form 26-1817 for that purpose.

D. This request should be sent to the VA office serving the area in which you reside.

E. Proof of Military Service

1. **"Regular" Veterans.** Attach to this request your most recent discharge or separation papers from active military duty since September 16, 1940, which show active duty dates and type of discharge. If you were separated after January 1, 1950, DD Form 214 must be submitted. If you were separated after October 1, 1979, and you received DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty, 1 July edition, VA must be furnished Copy 4 of the form. You may submit either original papers or legible copies. In addition, if you are now on active duty submit a statement of service signed by, or by direction of, the adjutant, personnel officer, or commander of your unit or higher headquarters showing date of entry on your current active duty period and the duration of any time lost. Any Veterans Benefits Counselor in the nearest Department of Veterans Affairs office or center will assist you in securing necessary proof of military service.

2. **Selected Reserves/National Guard.** If you are a discharged member of the Army or Air Force National Guard you may submit a NGB Form 22, Report of Separation and Record of Service, or NGB Form 23, Retirement Points Accounting, or it's equivalent (this is similar to a retirement points summary). If you are a discharged member of the Selected Reserve you may submit a copy of your latest annual point statement and evidence of honorable service. You may submit either your original papers or legible copies. Since there is no single form used by the Reserves or National Guard similar to the DD214, it is your responsibility to furnish adequate documentation of at least 6 years of honorable service. In addition, if you are currently serving in the Selected Reserve you must submit a statement of service signed by, or by the direction of, the adjutant, personnel officer or commander of your unit or higher headquarters showing the length of time that you have been a member of the unit.

IMPORTANT: You must complete Item 22 since the Certificate of Eligibility along with all discharge and separation papers will be mailed to the address shown in Item 22 below. If they are to be sent to you, your current mailing address should be indicated, or if they are to be sent elsewhere, the name and address of such person or firm should be shown in Item 22.

The amount of loan guaranty entitlement available for use is indicated on the enclosed Certificate of Eligibility. This certificate must be returned to VA at the time a loan report is submitted.

NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER THE ENCLOSED PAMPHLETS AND DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS TO THE VETERANS PROMPTLY.

VA FORM
SEP 1996

26-1880

SUPERSEDES VA FORM 26-1880, MAR 1995,
WHICH WILL NOT BE USED.

**22. PLEASE BE SURE THAT
NAME AND ADDRESS
ARE ENTERED IN THE
SPACE INDICATED TO
INSURE PROMPT
DELIVERY OF
DOCUMENTS**